



County Administrative Office
Governmental & Legislative Affairs

Josh Candelaria
Director

April 6, 2018

The Honorable Jay Obernolte
California State Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2446 – As Introduced February 14, 2018 – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Obernolte:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 2446, which would fund 10 of 15 superior court judgeships previously authorized, and increase the number of appellate justices from seven to eight in San Bernardino and Riverside Division of the 4th Appellate District Court of Appeal.

California's state court system, the largest in the nation, serves 38 million people. The state's fastest growing counties, including San Bernardino County, are facing a critical shortage of judges to hear the cases of our most vulnerable citizens. In 2007, the Legislature authorized 50 new trial court judges. However, the positions remain unfunded and unfilled.

San Bernardino County Superior Court is one of the most underfunded, under judged and staffed courts in the state, which handles some of the highest caseloads statewide. In 2012, the California Judicial Council voted to approve the Judicial Needs Assessment which determined the County of San Bernardino needed 156 judges to meet the community's needs. Unfortunately not all 156 judgeships were funded, as such AB 2446 would fund the much needed judgeships needed to address our shortage and add justices to our appellate courts that will assist to provide much needed relief to our judicial system.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 2446. If you have any questions regarding the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Lovingood".

Robert A. Lovingood
First District Supervisor
Chairman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisor

c: San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation

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